COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

April 11, 2023 County of Henry P O Box 7 Collinsville VA 24078 276-634-4620 (Voice 800-828-1140) (TTP 800-828-1120)

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

DHCD CONTRACT # 22-PW-01A

PROJECT NAME: Dick & Willie Passage Trail 6A Completion

PREPARED BY THE HENRY COUNTY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING, 276-634-2559, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MILL CREEK CREATIVE, LLC, 540-818-7414

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 11, 2023, the Office of the County Administrator for Henry County will submit a request for "POWER funds through the Appalachian Regional Commission administered through the Registered State Basic Agency (RSBA) Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development" to undertake a project known as the Dick & Willie Passage Trail 6A Completion for the purpose of completing a mile-long segment of the final 2.96-mile gap in the Dick & Willie Passage Trail segment. Phase 6A entails 10,742' of new Dick & Willie Passage Trail segment and 1,461' sidewalk connection This new trail section will extend from Dick & Willie Passage Trail Phase 5 (to the north) to the Spruce Street trailhead (to the south).

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Henry County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the **Office of Engineering, 3300 Kings Mountain Road, Martinsville, VA 24112** and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

THE COMBINED NOTICE (FONSI/NOI-RROF) <u>MUST</u> BE DISTRIBUTED TO: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Office of Public Information at the Henry County Administration Building. All comments received by May 12, 2023 will be considered by the County Administrator prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The **Henry County Director of Engineering** certifies to DHCD that **Dale Wagoner** in his capacity as **County Administrator** consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. DHCD'S approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows **Henry County** to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

<u>DHCD</u> will consider objections to its release of funds and the **Henry County Director's** of Engineering certification received by April 30, 2023 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the **Director of Engineering** approved by DHCD; (b) the (RE) has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DHCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to DHCD at:

Director
Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development
Attn: Program Administration and Assistance Office
Main Street Centre
600 E. Main St., Suite 300
Richmond, Virginia 23219-2430
(804) 371-7061 [TTP 371-7089 / FAX 371-7093]

Potential objectors should contact DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Dale Wagoner, County Administrator, Henry County